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**Committee Bill No. 489**

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY FOR LONG-TERM CARE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) The Department on  
2       Aging shall establish a state-wide single point of entry system for  
3       individuals seeking long-term care. The goal of the single point of  
4       entry system shall be to (1) permit any individual seeking long-term  
5       care services in the state to obtain information on all long-term care  
6       services from one single point of entry agency in the individual's  
7       geographic service area designated pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
8       section, (2) create uniform information on all long-term care services to  
9       be provided by each single point of entry agency, and (3) promote  
10      consumer choice of long-term care options.

11      (b) The Department on Aging, in consultation with the Long-Term  
12      Care Advisory Council and members of the public, shall designate  
13      geographical service areas for the establishment of single point of entry  
14      agencies. The department shall select entities to serve as such single  
15      point of entry agencies for each of the geographical service areas  
16      through a request for proposal process.

17 (c) Each entity designated a single point of entry agency pursuant to  
18 subsection (b) of this section shall:

19 (1) Work collaboratively with other designated single point of entry  
20 agencies in the state to operate the single point of entry system;

21 (2) Provide to all individuals seeking information on long-term care,  
22 including individuals who pay privately for such care, with  
23 information on all the long-term care options and services available in  
24 the state, including community and home-based care and nursing  
25 home care;

26 (3) Assess an individual's eligibility for long-term care services and  
27 programs in the state, including Medicaid and other public programs  
28 and services offered by private and nonprofit organizations, through a  
29 comprehensive, uniform screening process;

30 (4) Assist individuals in obtaining a timely determination of  
31 eligibility from the Department of Social Services for publicly funded  
32 long-term care services and programs;

33 (5) Assist individuals in developing a long-term care support plan  
34 that is person-centered throughout the planning process; and

35 (6) Implement quality assurance standards and procedures.

36 (d) In addition to the activities required in subsection (c) of this  
37 section, the Commissioner on Aging may establish additional  
38 requirements for the operation of agencies designated as single point  
39 of entry agencies. The commissioner shall implement a quality  
40 assurance program to measure the performance of such designated  
41 agencies. Any designated agency that fails to (1) comply with the  
42 provisions of subsection (c) of this section, (2) any additional  
43 requirements established by the commissioner pursuant to this  
44 subsection, or (3) the commissioner's quality assurance measures may  
45 be subject to termination as a single point of entry agency.

46 Sec. 2. Section 17b-367 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 47 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

48 The Office of Policy and Management, [within existing budgetary  
 49 resources and] in consultation with the [Select Committee on Aging]  
 50 select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
 51 matters relating to aging, the Commission on Aging, personnel  
 52 designated by the Commissioner of Social Services who administer the  
 53 CHOICES health insurance assistance program, personnel who  
 54 administer the single point of entry system established in section 1 of  
 55 this act and the Long-Term Care Advisory Council, shall develop and  
 56 maintain a single consumer-oriented Internet [website] web site that  
 57 provides comprehensive information on long-term care options that  
 58 are available in Connecticut and information on the single point of  
 59 entry system established pursuant to section 1 of this act. The [website]  
 60 web site shall also include direct links and referral information  
 61 regarding long-term care resources, including private and nonprofit  
 62 organizations offering advice, counseling and legal services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	17b-367

**AGE***Joint Favorable C/R*

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